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1. CONCUR WITH APPROACH RECOMMENDED REFTTEL, PARA 1, AND BELIEVE TEXT OF MY LETTER TO CHISSANO SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT SAME TIME. SINCE MACHEL IS CURRENTLY IN CHINA AND GOING TO NORTH KOREA, HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR CARTER MAY WISH DISCUSS ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM WITH VICE-PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL FRELIMO OFFICIAL. AT SAME TIME, FRELIMO COULD BE INFORMED TEAM LEADER IS PREPARED TO COME TO DAR ES SALAAM TO DISCUSS SURVEY WITH THEM EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER TEAM VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 28 TO PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO, WHICH REED DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO JOSE RUI AMARAL, PRIME MINISTER'S CHIEF OF CABINET: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: WHEN I SAW YOU ON JANUARY 30TH WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, YOU ASKED ABOUT THE VISIT OF THE TEAM OF U.S.
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ECONOMIC EXPERTS AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE IN THE NOVEMBER

DISCUSSIONS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE EASUM HAD WITH PRESENT MACHEL AND YOU. I REPLIED THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPERTS HAD BEEN SELECTED AND WERE READY TO COME. YOU STATED THAT YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT, BEARING IN MIND THE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY. PARAGRAPH. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS STILL INTERESTED IN THE VISIT. IF SO, MY GOVERNMENT WILL NEED TO KNOW YOUR PREFERENCES ABOUT THE TIMING SOON, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE TEAM MEMBERS HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS. END OF QUOTE.

3. RE PARA 2, BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL TO "SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT" BUT ONLY IN VERY LOW KEY AND WITHOUT ANY IMPLICATION WE HAVE BEEN OR ARE PUSHING US AID. WE WISH ALSO CLARIFY ONE POINT IN DEPARTMENT'S LISTING OF USG EFFORTS TO BE HELPFUL IN PARA 2, REFTEL. CHISSANO HIMSELF INFORMED ME IN CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' PRESENCE THAT MTG NO LONGER INTERESTED IN USG WHEAT BECAUSE REQUIREMENTS BEING MET BY ROMANIA. SECRETARY GENERAL AGUIAR LATER CONFIRMED THIS DECISION, PRESUMABLY AFTER TALKING TO CHISSANO HIMSELF. WALKER

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